



St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

International Teachers' Day

On behalf of the St Angela's staff, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to our wonderful parent representatives for the amazing morning tea that was provided for the staff last Friday for International Teachers' Day. The generous treats were just beautiful and truly helped celebrate and acknowledge the work that our teachers do. Many thanks to all involved.

St Angela's Wins the David Elliott, Member of Parliament, Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Kiara Lee (5G) who was awarded first prize for her beautiful artwork around the Little Drummer boy theme. Her winning entry will now feature on the front of all Mr Elliott's Christmas cards that are sent out, including to the Prime Minister.



Resilience

Each day our children grow and learn. They are on an exciting journey that is yet to unfold. Fostering resilience in our children is essential for their success in life.

Resilience is:

- ♦ The capacity to cope and feel competent
- ♦ The ability to accept life's disappointments and bounce back from hard times.

- ♦ A generally positive attitude to life
- ♦ A mixture of attitude, skills, abilities and character.

Some are born with a more resilient spirit, others have resilience fostered by early childhood experiences.

What does a resilient child look like?

- ♦ Healthy thinking habits
 - Realistic/Detective thinking
 - Helpful thinking
 - Being optimistic
- ♦ Independent and resourceful
- ♦ Good problem-solvers
- ♦ Able to mix well with others

Children need the freedom to:

- ♦ Grow up free from having to please their parents all the time (hopefully they will want to please you because of shared values)
- ♦ Be free to make their own mistakes (making mistakes is how we learn)
- ♦ Be free to feel discomfort and learn from life's disappointments

"Prepare our children for the path, not the path for our children."

New Staff 2018

I wish to announce two new members of staff who will be joining our St Angela's team in 2018. Mr Stephen Lee and Miss Leisa Claxton. We warmly welcome them to our Christ Centred community.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

*Tony Calabria
Principal*



ST ANGELA'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

TICKET COST IS \$2.00 EACH

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOK TO SCHOOL BY NEXT FRIDAY
24TH NOVEMBER. GOOD LUCK!**

PRIZES INCLUDE:

**MICHAEL KORRS WATCH, READY TO READ TERM
VOUCHER, GOLF BAG & PASSPORT, GATI VOUCHER,
MILLONES RESTAURANT VOUCHER, SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL
BRACELET, EVENTS CINEMA VOUCHER, LIFE SKILLS CENTRE
FOR KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY VOUCHERS AND MANY,
MANY MORE.**

**FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS TECHNOLOGY
RESOURCES FOR ST ANGELA'S STUDENTS**



St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering 2017

*Parents are invited to come and take some time out
to celebrate a fantastic year at St Angela's.*

Date: Thursday 30th November

Time: 7:00pm onwards

Venue: Castle Hill RSL Terrace Bar

*No need to RSVP. Just drop in or come along with
other parents and stay a little, or stay a while, we
would love to see you. (Drinks and/or food available
to purchase as you wish) We hope you can join us for
this casual gathering.*

2017 Fun(d)raising Committee

Sent Home This Week: Emailed: Yrs 2 to 5 Swimming Carnival Form,
Change of Hillsbus School Services, K-2 Swimming Program Viewing,
Christmas Hamper List, St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering

**Special 'Pizza' Food Day
This Tuesday 21st November**



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Religious Education

Sunday, 19 Nov 2017: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Parable of the rich man, going on a journey.

This Sunday's gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess.

The story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom - a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

Q. What talent do you have that you could use to make a difference in other people's lives?

Q. In what ways do you restrict others from opportunities to use their talents?

Christmas Hampers

Fr Al has invited the St Angela's community to support St Vincent de Paul with Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested items that can be donated will accompany today's newsletter. Donations can be left in the bins at the back of OLOR church or sent to school to be placed in baskets in the classrooms. Thank you for your generosity supporting those in need this Christmas season.

Mrs Michelle Yager
Religious Education Coordinator

Quote of the Week

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Our whole school community evening
this year will be held on
Wednesday 6th December
6.30pm under the Big Top**

It is an expectation that all children attend the Christmas concert to celebrate as a St Angela's community this special time of year. Please inform your class teacher immediately if your family is unavailable, as some roles and parts are currently being assigned to children.



Grade Assemblies

Please note our remaining whole school assembly for Term 4 is this Monday 20th November at 2:15pm led by Year 6.

All parents are most welcome to join us.



Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Week 6

Fri 17th Nov

K-2 Swimming Program at C2K

Years 3 and 4 Surf Lifesaving Skills in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall

Week 7

Mon 20th Nov

2:15pm Whole School Assembly presented by Year 6 - All welcome

Tues 21st Nov

Special Food Day - Pizza

Wed 22nd Nov

9:00am-2:30pm Orientation for 2018 Years 1 to 6 students

7:00pm Band Performance Night at St Angela's - band lessons held today instead of Friday 24th November

Thurs 23rd Nov

Second Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Session

9:00-10:30am Surnames A-E and M-P

11:00am-12:30pm Surnames F-L and Q-Z

Marian Catholic College Year 7 2018 Orientation

Fri 24th Nov

Year 6 at Vision Valley

Week 8

Tues 28th Nov

Year 5 Student Leadership Speeches
9:00am Captain and Vice Captain Speeches
11:00am Colour House Captain Speeches
All welcome

Thurs 30th Nov

Year 6 Surf Lifesaving Program at Newport Beach

7:00pm St Angela's Parents' Social Gathering at Castle Hill RSL - All welcome

Fri 1st Dec

Year 5 Surf Lifesaving Program at Newport Beach

Final Kindergarten 2018 Orientation

9:00am to 12 noon - All students

(Parents are asked to remain for the first hour)

Sun 3rd Dec

Year 6 Disco at Castle Hill RSL

Disco Thanks

The children thoroughly enjoyed the disco last Friday evening. It was a great night of dance, dance, dancing. Many thanks to all the parents who assisted on the night, Jellen Adan, Joyce Bautista, Marie Catalano (Yr 3-6 disco organiser), Anna Chapman, Theresa Ciantar, Wayne Davie, Danielle File, Jessica Glass, Gillian Gunawardhana, Laura Hall, Natalie Lashlie (K-2 disco organiser), Fiona Martin, Francine Moc, Michelle Mowbray, Mona Mu, Michael Muller, Bec Nati, Cherille Paton, Sonia Perez, Leesa Pickles, Natalie Powell, Pina Wehrmann, Rhonda Young.

Appreciation to Wayne Davie for coordinating the evening and supporting the disco organisers.

REMAINING KINDERGARTEN 2018 STUDENTS TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

This Thursday 23rd November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-E, M-P

11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname F-L, Q-Z

Friday 1st December

9:00am-12 noon All students (students will need recess)

On Friday 1st December, parents are asked to remain for the first hour, 9.00-10.00am, to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 2:30pm.

Celebrating our Gifts

(Awards presented last Friday)

Academic Excellence

Finn Wheatley KB
Charlotte Lashlie KG
Oskar Callan-Kerkenezov KY

Marcus Ma 1B
Kara Piperata 1G
Jacob Nasso 1Y
Ruby Chapman 2B
Ciara Crowley 2G
Angelina Tallaridi 2Y
Jessica White 3B
Olivia Ochudzawa 3G
Ruby Moller 3Y
Narelle Barker 4B
Ned Cane 4G
James O'Donnell 4Y
Thomas Norris 5B
Matthew Rae 5B
Kyle Brett 5G
Tebo Siwisa 5G
Charlotte Hogan 5Y
Felicity Rankin 6B
Bella Shepherd 6G
Annaliese Losco 6Y

St Angela's Award

Georgia-Rose Scoulou KB
Amelie Sprem KG
Phoebe Scida KY
Cassidy Southwood 1B
Cruz Rodriguez 1G
Matilda Scothern 1Y
Connor Paton 2B
Javin Chugh 2G
Shannon Aneksoomphan 2Y
Taylah Khoudair 3B
Kaija Knevitt 3G
Sean Salib 3Y
Emily Lambert 4B
Blake Cassettari 4G
Sophie Milas 4Y
Riley Hogan 5Y
Sienna Javidi 6B
Aoife Collins 6G
Brendan Wilson 6Y



Years 3 and 4 Surf Lifesaving Program

Tomorrow, Friday 17th November, Years 3 and 4 will be visited by Surf Lifesaving Australia to undergo lessons at school in the areas of Surf and Sun Safety, First Aid and Resuscitation.

Surf Safe Program - Years 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 will be participating in a Surf Safe program as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. The program will be held at Newport Beach and is conducted by qualified surf lifesaving instructors. Year 5 children will be attending on Friday 1st December and Year 6 children on Thursday 30th November. The children will learn about rips, waves, flags and signs, marine stingers, sun safety, lifesavers and rescuing techniques. Through practical experiences, the children will also learn body board skills, basic first aid, board paddling, CPR and Resuscitation, tube rescuing and body surfing. We are looking forward to another successful Surf Safe program this year.

St Angela's Swimming Carnival Monday 4th December 2017

Years 2 to 5 and Year 1 children turning 8 in 2018
at Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Parents are welcome to attend

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday this coming week:

NOVEMBER

Sun 19th

Jack Hall
Olivia Pinna

Mon 20th

Joel Foxe

Tues 21st

Rebekah Love
Mrs Hemmings

Wed 22nd

Jayden Younis

Thurs 23rd

Isabella Siligato

Fri 24th

Elly Gohil-Bozic
Joan Bautista

Sat 25th

Daniella Zeaiter



Star Spot

Congratulations to Lara Gomes Pestana (3G) who performed with 600 girls in the Australian Girls Choir last Sunday at the Opera House.

Holiday Writing Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who placed first in their grade for their excellent writing in our Holiday Writing Challenge:

Kindergarten

Madeline Pace (KY)

Year 1

Jesselyn Tedja (1G)

Year 2

Aaron Zlomislac (2B)

Year 3

Madeline Nasso (3G)

Year 4

Arielle Henwood (4B)

Year 5

Genevieve Brouillard (5G)

Year 6

Robert Kelly (6B)

Thank You

Hi Everyone,

Thank you for helping me make a difference! My haircut for Variety - The children's Charity took place last Thursday 9th November and I was able to donate 40cm of my hair. This assists in making a wig for a sick child who has lost their hair due to Cancer, Chemotherapy or other sicknesses. Through the generosity of family, friends and our St Angela's community, I was able to raise over \$2,400 in donations. This money will assist in purchasing lifesaving medical equipment for unwell children.

Thank you to everyone for your encouragement and kind words at school.

Victoria Pinna (4Y)

Band Showcase Evening

All are invited to come along and listen to the band students perform in an entertaining evening of music. Details of the showcase are as follows:

Date: This Wednesday 22nd November
Venue: St Angela's St Maximilian Kolbe Hall
Time: 7:00pm (students are asked to arrive by 6.30pm)
Dress: Summer school uniform

The evening will run for approximately one hour and we would love to see you there. If your child is unable to attend this performance, please email the school at stangelas@parra.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made.

Due to the showcase evening, band lessons for Week 7 have been moved to Wednesday 22nd November instead of Friday 24th November. Details are as follows:

- Band lessons will be held this Wednesday 22nd November and all guitar and band students are asked to meet Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton in the school hall at 8:30am. There will be NO band practice before school. Children are asked to bring in their instruments on this day.
- Friday 24th November there will be NO band rehearsals or music lessons.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of music.

Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Walton
Band Directors

'Shine Quest'

St Angela's 17th Annual Talent Quest

On Thursday 7th December 2017 from 9:00-11:00am we will conduct the final of our annual Talent Quest. To ensure that this event is enjoyable for the children we have set out our guidelines:

- Each child is invited to participate in one individual and/or one group item.
- Items can include dancing, singing, playing an instrument, movement or a comedy act.
- Parents are asked to supply the necessary music, instruments and costumes etc.
- Children are asked to collect an entry form from the office or their class teacher and return the completed form to their class teacher by **Friday 24th November**.
- Each grade will have a mini quest and this will be the audition for the whole school 'SHINE Quest', at which we will have a limited number of performances.
- Parents are welcome to attend the whole school Shine Quest on Thursday 7th December.

This is not a competition but rather a celebration of talent. As a result places etc. are not awarded.

Partners in Education

As a significant partner in your child's education, if you wish to seek clarification on any learning, procedures, behaviours or can assist the teacher through a 'united approach' towards your child's development, it is appreciated and preferred if a phone call or an appointment with the teacher is made. This in turn ensures that the teacher can spend time with you as opposed to a rushed interview as teachers prepare for lessons in the mornings or make their way to afternoon duties and staff meetings. My sincere thanks to the dedicated teachers of St Angela's who are always present, available and only too willing to work with you regarding your child, who is our first priority.

Uniform Sales from Oz Fashions

Please note our uniform supplier, Oz Fashions, will be at the final Kindergarten orientation session on Friday 1st December from 12 noon to 2.30pm, selling all uniform items. There will also be some sample sizes to view on this day. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms on the following days in January in our school hall:

Monday 8th January from 12 noon to 2:00pm
Saturday 13th January from 10:00am to 12 noon
Thursday 18th January from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Oz Fashions directly on 0421 216 414.

Mark the Dates

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 6th December

Year 6 Disco

Sunday 3rd December

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

7:00pm Thursday 14th December

Marian Catholic College
Year 7 Orientation Day for 2018
Thursday 23rd November

Learning Links - Helping Kids Learn School Holiday Program January 2018

For more information on this worthwhile program please visit
Bellavista@learninglinks.org.au

